

City Council
Study Session Summary
April 11, 2017
Library Meeting Room, 951 Spruce Street
7:00 PM

The City Council met in a study session at 7:00 p.m. in the 1st Floor Meeting Room at the Louisville Public Library at 951 Spruce Street, Louisville, Colorado. The following persons were present:

City Council Present: Mayor Bob Muckle
Mayor Pro Tem Jeff Lipton
Council member Susan Loo
Council member Dennis Maloney
Council member Ashley Stolzmann

Staff Present: Malcolm Fleming, City Manager
Heather Balser, Deputy City Manager
Kurt Kowar, Public Works Director
Meredyth Muth, Clerk
Dawn Burgess, Executive Assistant to the City Manager

Others: Municipal Judge Kristan Wheeler

Members of Public

Call to Order – The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Mayor Muckle

Update from Judge Wheeler

Judge Wheeler gave an update on the Court. She appreciates Council giving her the opportunity. Dockets are 80% traffic. She and Prosecutor Colette Cribari have been meeting with vendors regarding programs and classes for minors using alcohol and drugs. So far, she has overseen two court trials and a jury trial is scheduled for June.

She has a good working relationship with Louisville Police Department. Judge Wheeler discussed various programs she is working on and has been meeting with other Boulder County municipal judges and discussing Boulder County resources. She would like to get in touch with the Monarch High School resource officer and meet with students. She has met with Sam Light and discussed different issues.

She had a security assessment performed at the building. She will be working with Clerk Meredyth Muth and following up on that to make sure our court is safe.

She is looking at a court satisfaction survey. Fine schedule is available in the court. She would like Council to look at the municipal code and make sure fines are in line. Maloney appreciates her judicial philosophy. He asked about opioid use in our area. She has not seen too much of it in our area. Council member Stolzmann asked about jail time for municipal offenses. She said council could consider a maximum 180 days or 364 day sentence.

The Mayor and Council thanked Judge Wheeler.

Discussion – Solid Waste Services

Public Works Director Kurt Kowar presented options for Council to consider regarding future solid waste services.. This is a preliminary presentation and will be followed by discussions with the Sustainability Board and public.

The Mayor said what he hopes to accomplish tonight is to come away up to speed on options for our next contract in 2019 and be familiar with those options. The intent is also to come back at Council on May 2nd and get direction on the upcoming RFP which must be ready to go out in 2018. Kowar said they can come back in a year and update the discussion.

Kowar reviewed slides in the packet and the contract timeline. He plans to use the same criteria that were used in 2014 (slide in packet.) Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) is an issue and Western has a compost area in the quarantine area. Pricing is weighted heavily and then schedule.

Kowar is seeking Council comments on weighted criteria. Council member Stolzmann said Council needs to be prepared to have discussion on the day of the week for pickup issue. Everybody needs to bid for the same services. Council member Loo said she heard people liked Western because they are local whereas Republic would have to travel and that does not address environmental concerns.

Council member Stolzmann wants to simplify the bill and pay options through trash pricing. There was discussion about sustainability and promotion of composting and recycling. Bin sizing and pricing was discussed.

Other considerations that will be included in RFP:

- Free large item pick up
- EAB quarantine
- Street Faire Free bin and pickup
- Customer service

- Ongoing communications plans

Council members Stolzmann and Lipton do not like the idea of a lot of bid alternates because they want to be able to compare bids. Large item pickup is not well promoted. Council member Loo said she thinks people love the large pickup item. A policy on which special events the City provides solid waste services for needs to be clarified. Council member Stolzmann does not want special events billed to only City Western customers; thinks it should be spread community wide. Council member Lipton said the City should share resources for signs and containers to use at events to encourage zero waste.

Policies

Council may want to consider updating the code to:

- Include composting in the code section to reflect the contract the City has (code is silent on composting)
- Require HOAs to provide composting
- Require annual reporting by multifamily, commercial and industrial haulers
- Require recycling for multifamily, commercial and industrial

There was discussion of compelling or requiring haulers to provide information on total weight of trash, composting, and recycling in HOA, multifamily and commercial. Mayor said perhaps a restaurant would like to be part of a pilot program on recycling and composting. It would be helpful to know which groups are recycling and what are the numbers.

Kowar needs time to talk to the Sustainability Advisory Board.

Fund fees

Staff will also be recommending an increase to admin fee and yard waste fee.

A bag ban was discussed, small campaign ie: hand out reusable bags. Why just bags? Why not cardboard too such as cardboard curbside pickup or cardboard drop-off. Council member Stolzmann would like to add a discussion of cardboard. She would like the City to provide incentives to encourage people to act responsibly.

Kowar discussed the 2016 Waste Composition Study slides and said composting is where there is opportunity for expansion and the City should provide additional outreach.

On the May 2nd Council agenda, the fee setting item will be presented. The other topics will be discussed in July.

Composting is less energy intensive than putting food down the disposal.

Public comments:

I have been cleaning up after parades with families.

Large item pickup is also a subsidized like composting is.

Is there an education component in the RFP to increase awareness?

City Manager's Report & Advanced Agenda

City Manager Malcolm Fleming said there was a successful bond sale this morning for the Rec Center bonds. Premium pricing allowed the City to get the pricing it needs. The bonds have call provisions.

Water line replacement bids are coming in far under what was budgeted which will allow for a lot of replacement. A bigger project can be obtained with the better pricing.

Identification of Future Agenda Items

- Fee provisions will be brought back 5/2
- Wayfinding unsure for 4/18
- Fleming explained the fiscal model contract amendment and answered other questions about the advanced agenda.
- Add RFP for LRC parking study analysis

Adjourn 9:11 pm

*Submitted by – Dawn Burgess
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